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The Honorable Judy Chumley
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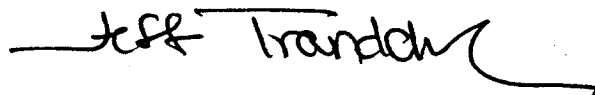
Dear Ms. Chumley:

This will acknowledge receipt of Resolution No. 03-4-232S1R2, to support the United States Armed Forces and Hennepin County employees called to active duty.

Your resolution is being referred to the Speaker of the House for appropriate action.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Jeff Trandahl

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VIA FACSIMILE

April 15, 2003


The Honorable Jeff Trandahl
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Room H154
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Dear Mr. Trandahl:

Attached is a copy of Resolution 03-4-232S1R2 adopted by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners on April 8, 2003. The resolution supports the United States Armed Forces and Hennepin County employees called to active duty.

The resolution passed unanimously by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,


Judy Chumley
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attached.

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The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 7 YEAS and 0 NAYS, as follows:

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Mark Stenglein	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gail Dorfman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Peter McLaughlin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Randy Johnson	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Linda Koblick	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Penny Steele	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Michael Opat, Chair	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 4/8/2003

ATTEST:

Kay Mitchell
Clerk of the County Board

RESOLUTION NO. 03-4-232SLR2

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The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Stenglein, seconded by Commissioner Opat:

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces are now undertaking courageous and determined operations with coalition forces against Saddam Hussein's regime; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,500 Minnesotans, including 9 full-time and 3 part-time Hennepin County employees have been called up to active duty from the US Army Reserve and Minnesota National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hennepin County deeply appreciate the great personal sacrifice being made by our military personnel in the Middle East and those stationed here protecting our airports and energy facilities, as well as the families of the service women and men; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the Coalition Forces to successfully perform their mission requires the support of their nation, community, and families; and

WHEREAS, legislation is now progressing that, if passed, will clarify the authority of local units of government to replace the salary of National Guard or military reserve members called to active duty since September 11, 2001 and continue health and dental benefits in place when the employees reported for active service;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners urges federal, state, and local government agencies, religious institutions, employers, schools, charitable organizations, and all of our citizens to do all that is humanly possible to assist the families and loved ones of our Armed Forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) as they garner support from the business community to ensure that reservists keep and maintain job opportunities while serving their country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the expenditure of funds from contingency to replace the salary and continue the health and dental benefits of National Guard or military reserve members who are employed by Hennepin County and have been called to duty since September 11, 2001 if legislation authorizing such expenditure is approved and signed into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its unequivocal support of our employees called to active duty and Coalition Forces abroad, as they act upon their sworn duty to protect the lives of Americans from threats at home and abroad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is directed to communicate this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk and Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members of the Minnesota Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Minnesota, and members of the Hennepin County delegation at the Minnesota Senate and Minnesota House of Representatives.